

REMARKS

Claims 1-20, 26-45, 51, and 52 are pending in the present application. Claims 21-25, 46-50, and 53 are canceled. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

I. 35 U.S.C. § 121

The Office Action requires a restriction to one of the following sets of claims:

- I. Claims 1-20, 26-35, 36-45, 51 and 52;
- II. Claims 21-25, 46-50, and 53.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects invention I, claims 1-20, 26-45, 51, and 52, without traverse.

Claims 21-25, 46-50, and 53, to non-elected invention II, are hereby canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. It is respectfully urged that the subject application be reconsidered.

II. Conclusion

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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